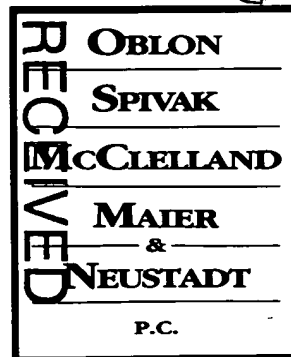




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

1. Preliminary Amendment with Marked-up Copy
2. Information Disclosure/Related Case Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97
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Prior to examination on the merits please amend the specification as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Replace the paragraph starting on page 3, line 1, of the specification with the  
following paragraph:

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The use of the juice of an unripe fruit such as apples, pears, peaches or similar fruits  
belonging to the family *Rosaceae* has also been proposed as a hypotensor. Such juice  
contains, as polyphenols, caffeic acid and chlorogenic acid having angiotensin I converting  
enzyme (ACE) inhibitory action (Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (*Kokai*) No. Hei 8-  
259453.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-19 are pending. This amendment corrects a minor typographical error on  
page 3, lines 6-7, of the specification. The Japanese Patent Application number has been